

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
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6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a positive-electrode active material, comprising:
 - dispersing a base into water;
 - using a raw material containing: one or more metallic components; and one or more components selected from the group consisting of sulfur, selenium, and tellurium, as a the coating raw material;
 - adding said coating raw material into said dispersion liquid containing the base under the control of pH to form a coating layer on the base by a precipitation method; and
 - filtering said dispersion liquid followed by drying the coated base ~~same after a coating layer is formed.~~
9. (Currently Amended) The process for preparing a positive-electrode active material according to claim 8, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a material containing manganese ~~component~~ is used as the base.

10. (Currently Amended) The process for preparing a positive-electrode active material according to claim 8, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a material having a spinel structure is used as the base.
11. (Currently Amended) The process for preparing a positive-electrode active material according to Claim 8, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a material containing one or more ~~components selected from the group consisting of~~ lithium, magnesium, aluminum, silicon, chromium, iron, zirconium, niobium, indium, tungsten, or ~~and~~ cerium is used as the metallic component.
12. (Currently Amended) The process for preparing a positive-electrode active material according to Claim 8, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a material containing sulfur ~~component~~ is used as the coating raw material.
13. (Currently Amended) The process for preparing a positive-electrode active material according to Claim 8, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a raw material containing one or more metallic components is added simultaneously with or in advance to the addition of the raw material containing one or more ~~components selected from the group consisting of~~ sulfur, selenium, or ~~and~~ tellurium.